



2007-2008
MULTIFAMILY BEVERAGE CONTAINER GRANT SOLICITATION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1: Will it be acceptable to design a program that focuses on commingled recycling (beverage containers and paper)? Beverage containers will be the focus but commingled recycling makes good sense in the multifamily setting.

A1: *The Department is seeking projects providing convenient beverage container recycling opportunities in California. CRV material is required to ensure eligibility. All proposals compete against each other to achieve the overall goal of increasing recycling rates for CRV materials. The more a project enhances CRV recycling and the objectives in the Grant Solicitation, the better it will likely score.*

Q2: How much funding is available for this program?

A2: *Up to \$5 million is available in funding for the Multifamily Grant Program.*

Q3: What is the maximum and/or expected grant award size? Even if there is no maximum, what is the Department's estimate of the size of an average award?

A3: *There is no maximum grant award size other than the \$5.0 million available. The Department does not have an estimate of the average award.*

Q4: Approximately how many awards are expected?

A4: *The Department is unable to determine the number of awards since funding requests vary from proposal to proposal.*

Q5: Are matching funds required? If not, will applicants that voluntarily provide a match receive any additional consideration in the review process?

A5: *Matching funds are not required but are encouraged. Consideration is given to applicants providing matching funds.*

Q6: Is this the first year this program has been offered?

A6: *This the first and only year \$5 million is available specifically for Multifamily Grant programs.*

Q7: Will DOC consider funding community based social marketing approaches and research?

A7: *The funding is for the purpose of establishing a beverage container recycling collection program that will place source-separated beverage container recycling receptacles in low-income, multifamily housing communities in California.*

Q8: Can you define what overhead and administration costs include, since they are not allowable costs? For example, if a jurisdiction uses their Purchasing and Contracting Dept. to contract out for grants with agencies to do the Multifamily program work, would this be considered an overhead cost?

A8: Overhead costs are ongoing costs relating to the running of a business, such as rent, maintenance, and utilities. It would not be considered an overhead cost if a jurisdiction contracts with another agency to do program work. Funds requested should be to establish beverage container recycling collection programs that will place source-separated beverage container recycling receptacles in low-income, multifamily housing communities in California, and not be for administrative or personnel costs related to management of contracts.